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 SOLOMON.

CHAP. I.

1 *The use of the proverbs.* 7 *An exhortation to fear God, and believe his word.* 20 *Wisdom complaineth of her contempt :* 24 *She threatneth her contemners.*

THE Proverbs of Solomon the son of David king of Israel ;

2 To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding ;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity ;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning :

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learning : and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels :

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation : the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 ¶ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge : *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother :

9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause :

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave, and whole as those that go down into the pit.

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil :

14 Cast in thy lot among us, let us all have one purse :

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them ; refrain thy foot from their path.

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18 And

18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood, they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain: *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 ¶ Wisdom crieth without, she uttereth her voice in the streets :

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates : in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity ? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge ?

23 Turn you at my reproof ; behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 ¶ Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded ;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof :

26 I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear cometh ;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind ; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer ; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me :

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD.

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkneth unto me, shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

C H A P. II.

*1 Wisdom promiseth godliness to her children,
20 and direction in good ways.*

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words,
and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
and apply thine heart to understanding:

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and*
lifest up thy voice for understanding:

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest
for her, as *for* hid treasures:

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the
LORD; and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his
mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity ; *yea*, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul ;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee :

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things.

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness :

14 Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked.

15 Whole ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths.

16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words :

17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

C H A P. III.

1 An exhortation to obedience, 5 to faith, 7 to mortification, 9 to devotion, 11 to patience. 13 The happy gain of wisdom. 19 The power, 21 and the benefits of wisdom. 27 An exhortation to charitableness, 30 peaceableness, 31 and contentedness. 33 The cursed state of the wicked.

MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days and long life, and peace shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 ¶ Be

7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase.

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ My son, despise not the chastning of the LORD: neither be weary of his correction.

12 For whom the LORD loveth, he correcteth, even as a father the son, *in whom* he delighteth.

13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She *is* more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire, are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days *is* in her right hand: *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth;

earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion.

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27 ¶ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 ¶ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 ¶ Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD

LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.

33 ¶ The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he bleſſeth the habitation of the juſt.

34 ¶ Surely he ſcorneth the ſcorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wiſe ſhall inherit glory, but ſhame ſhall be the promotion of fools.

C H A P. IV.

1 Solomon to perſwade obedience, 3 ſheweth what inſtruction he had of his parents. 5 To ſtudy wiſdom, 14 and to ſhun the path of the wicked. 20 He exhorteth to faith, 23 and ſanctification.

HEar, ye children, the inſtruction of a father, and attend to know underſtanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forſake you not my law.

3 For I was my fathers ſon, tender and only *beloved* in the ſight of my mother.

4 He taught me alſo, and ſaid unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments and live.

5 Get wiſdom, get underſtanding: forget *it* not, neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forſake

6 Forfake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing, *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings: and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom: I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitned, and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction, let *her* not go; keep her, for she *is* thy life.

14 ¶ Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they sleep not except they have done mischief: and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light

light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes: keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 ¶ Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eye-lids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

CHAP. V.

1 *Solomon exhorteth to the study of wisdom.* 3 *He sheweth the mischief of whoredom and riot.* 15 *He exhorteth to contentedness, liberality, and chastity.* 22 *The wicked are overtaken with their own sins.*

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding.

2 That

2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.

3 ¶ For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an hony-comb, and her mouth *is* smother than oil.

4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death: her steps take hold on hell.

6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel.

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth, and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger,

11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And say, how have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof?

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me?

14 I was almost in all evil, in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own cistern; and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 *Let her be as* the loving hind, and pleasant roe, let her breasts satisfy thee at all times, and be thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 ¶ His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Against suretiship, 6 idleness, 12 and mischiefousness. 16 Seven things hateful to God. 20 The blessings of obedience. 25 The mischiefs of whoredom.*

MY son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 Thou

2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now; my son, and deliver thy self, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend: go, humble thy self, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eye-lids.

5 Deliver thy self as a roe, from the hand of *the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travaileth, and thy want as an armed man.

12 ¶ A naughty person, a wicked man walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers.

14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually, he soweth discord.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

16 ¶ These

16 ¶ These six *things* doth the LORD hate ;
yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him :

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands
that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness *that* speaketh lyes, and him
that soweth discord among brethren.

20 ¶ My son keep thy fathers commandment,
and forsake not the law of thy mother.

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee ; when
thou sleepest, it shall keep thee ; and *when* thou
awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment *is* a lamp ; and the
law *is* light ; and reproofs of instruction *are* the
way of life ;

24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from
the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart ;
neither let her take thee with her eye-lids.

26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man*
is brought to a piece of bread : and the adulteress
will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his
clothes not be burnt ?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet
not be burnt ?

29 So he that goeth into his neighbours wife :
whosoever toucheth her, shall not be innocent.

30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to
satisfy his soul, when he is hungry :

31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore seven
fold, he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 But whoso committeth adultery with a
woman, lacketh understanding : he *that* doth it
destroyeth his own soul.

33 A wound and dishonour shall he get, and
his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man : therefore
he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom ; neither
will he rest content, though thou givest many
gifts.

C H A P. VII.

I Solomon perswadeth to a sincere and kind fami-
liarity with wisdom. 6 In an example of his
own experience he sheweth, 10 the cunning of
an whore, 22 and the desperate simplicity of a
young wanton. 24 He dehorteth from such
wickedness.

MY son, keep my words, and lay up my
commandments with thee.

2 Keep my commandments, and live : and my
law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind

3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner, and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight in the evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She *is* loud and stubborn, her feet abide not in her house.

12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him,

14 *I have* peace-offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have deckt my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrhe, aloes,
and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the
morning, let us solace our selves with loves.

19 For the good man *is* not at home, he is
gone a long journey ;

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him,
and will come home at the day appointed.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him
to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced
him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox
goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the cor-
rection of the stocks :

23 Till a dart strike through his liver, as a
bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that
it *is* for his life.

24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye
children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go
not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded :
yea many strong *men* have been slain by her.

27 Her house *is* the way to hell, going down
to the chambers of death.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The fame, 6 and evidence of wisdom. 10 The excellency, 12 the nature, 15 the power, 18 the riches, 22 and the eternity of wisdom. 32 Wisdom is to be desired for the blessedness it bringeth.*

DOTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness, *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

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11 For

11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies ; and all the things that may be desired, are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil ; pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom : I *am* understanding, I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honour *are* with me ; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold ; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment :

21 That I may cause those that love me, to inherit substance ; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When *there were* no depths I was brought forth : when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before

25 Before the mountains were settled; before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him:

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me, wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me, love death.

C H A P. IX.

1 *The discipline, 4 and doctrine of wisdom.* 13
The custom, 16 and error of folly.

WISDOM hath builded her house, she
 hath hewn out her seven pillars.

2 She hath kil'd her beasts, she hath mingled
 her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens, she crieth
 upon the highest places of the city.

4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as
 for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to
 him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the
 wine which I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the
 way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner, getteth to him-
 self shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man
 getteth himself a blot.

8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee:
 rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will
 be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase
 in learning.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
 wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is un-
 derstanding.

11 For

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11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
and the years of thy life shall be increased.

12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thy
self: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear
it.

13 ¶ A foolish woman is clamorous; *she is*
simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on
a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right on their
ways.

16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither:
and as for him that wanteth understanding, she
saith to him.

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten
in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are*
there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of
hell.

CHAP. X.

*From this chapter to the five and twentieth, are
sundry observations of moral virtues, and their
contrary vices.*

THE proverbs of Solomon. A wise son
maketh a glad father; but a foolish son *is*
the heaviness of his mother.

2 Treasures

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest, *is* a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9 He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely, but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

11 The mouth of a righteous *man* is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding, wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.

15 The

15 The rich mans wealth *is* his strong city :
the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life ;
the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth in-
struction : but he that refuseth reproof, erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and
he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth
not sin : but he that refraineth his lips, *is* wise.

20 The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver :
the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many : but
fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich,
and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief : but
a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come up-
on him : but the desire of the righteous shall be
granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked
no more : but the righteous *is* an everlasting
foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoak to
the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send
him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days :
but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* glad-
ness ;

ness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

C H A P. XI.

A False balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver

liver them : but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish : and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour : but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth : and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted : but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour : but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A tale-bearer revealeth secrets : but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall : but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger, shall smart *for it* : and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour : and strong *men* retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul : but *he that is* cruel, troubleth his own flesh.

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18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness, *shall be* a sure reward.

19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil, *pursueth it* to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their* way, *are* his delight.

21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22 *As* a jewel of gold in a swines snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good: but the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.

27 He that diligently seeketh good, procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches, shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house, shall inherit

herit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls, *is* wise.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

C H A P. XII.

WHoso loveth instruction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.

2 A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed, *is* as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: but the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.

6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

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9 *He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.*

10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast : but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread : but he that followeth vain *persons*, is void of understanding.

12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men* : but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips : but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth, and the recompense of a mans hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes : but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

16 A fools wrath is presently known : but a prudent *man* covereth shame.

17 *He that* speaketh truth, sheweth forth righteousness; but a false witness, deceit.

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword : but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever : but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine

gine evil: but to the counsellors of peace, *is* joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life, and in the path-way *thereof there is* no death.

CHAP. XIII.

A Wise son *heareth* his fathers instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall* eat violence.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life:

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but he that openeth wide his lips, shall have destruction.

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the *sin*ner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

8 The ransom of a mans life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.

16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassadour *is* health.

18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise *men*, shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his childrens children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.

24 He that spareth his rod, hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

C H A P. XIV.

E Very wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

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2 He that walketh in his uprightness, feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways, despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen *are* the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lye: but a false witness will utter lyes.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful;
and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with
his own ways: and a good man *shall be satis-*
fied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the
prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from
evil: but the fool rageth and is confident.

17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly:
and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent
are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good: and the
wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neigh-
bour: but the rich *hath* many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour, sinneth:
but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is*
he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mer-
cy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk
of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches:
but the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls, but a de-
ceitful *witness* speaketh lyes.

26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confi-

dence : and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people *is* the kings honour : but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding : but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh : but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his maker : but he that honoureth him, hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness : but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding : but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

35 The kings favour *is* toward a wise servant : but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

C H A P. XV.

A Soft answer turneth away wrath : but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright

aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his fathers instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doth* not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a chearful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding, seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs, where love is, than a stalled ox, and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger, appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh up-rightly.

22 Without counsel, purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season how good *is it?*

24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination

mination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain, troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life, abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof, getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

CHAP. XVI.

THE preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes: but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Every

5 Every one *that is* proud in heart, *is* an abomination to the LORD : *though* hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged ; and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

7 When a mans ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better *is* a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right.

9 A mans heart deviseeth his way : but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king : his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORDS : all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness : for the throne is established by righteousness,

13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings : and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death, but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the kings countenance *is* life, and his favour *is as* a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom, than gold ? and to get understanding, rather to be chosen than silver ?

17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from

from evil: he that keepeth his way, preserveth his soul.

18 Pride *goeth* before destruction: and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely, shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent, and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding *is* a well-spring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words *are as* an honycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man: but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

26 He that laboureth, laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

28 A froward man soweth strife, and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

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30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things : moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

31 The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

32 *He that is slow to anger, is better than the mighty :* and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap : but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

C H A P. XVII.

BETTER *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame : and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 The fining-pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold : but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips : *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor, reproacheth his maker : *and* he that is glad at calamities, shall not be unpunished.

6 Childrens children *are* the crown of old men ; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool : much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift

8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression, seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter, separateth *very* friends.

10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man, than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart to *it*?

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression, that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate, seeketh destruction.

20 He

20 He that hath a froward heart, findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue, falleth into mischief.

21 He that begetteth a fool, *doth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 A merry heart doth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom, to pervert the ways of judgment.

24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is* esteemed a man of understanding.

C H A P. XVIII.

THROUGH desire a man having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover it self.

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3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 The words of a mans mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the well-spring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fools lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A fools mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work, is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich mans wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A mans gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is first in his own cause, seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.*

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their contentions are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A mans belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it, shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 *Whofo* findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties, but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends, must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

C H A P. XIX.

BETTER *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

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2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet, sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends: but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lyes shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince; and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, yet they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth wisdom, loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding, shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lyes, shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool: much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger, and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The kings wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father; and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment, keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways, shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given, will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 *There are* many devices in a mans heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a lyar.

23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life, and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil.

24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware;

ware; and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chafeth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that* causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools.

C H A P. XX.

WINE *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *who*so provoketh him to anger, sinneth *against* his own soul.

3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment, scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* a like abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer, revealeth

vealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 Who curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning: but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil: *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and a false balance *is* not good.

24 Mans goings *are* of the LORD, how can a man then understand his own way?

25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy: and after vows to make enquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

C H A P. XXI.

THE kings heart *is* in the hand of the LORD,
as the rivers of water : he turneth it whi-
thersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own
eyes : but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment, *is* more accep-
table to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the
plowing of the wicked *is* sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to
plenteousness : but of every one *that is* hasty,
only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue,
is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek
death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy
them ; because they refuse to do judgment.

8 The way of man *is* froward and strange ; but
as for the pure, his work *is* right.

9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the house-
top, than with a brawling woman in a wide
house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil : his
neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple
is made wise : and when the wise is instructed, he
receiveth knowledge.

12 The

12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom, strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding, shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous; and the transgressor for the upright.

19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 *There is* a treasure to be desired, and oil in the dwelling of the wise: but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him: for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth, and spareth not.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth, speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding, nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse, *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

C H A P. XXII.

A Good name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD, *are* riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns

5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity, shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed: for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips, the king *shall be* his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD, shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child, *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, *and* he that giveth to the rich *shall* surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is* a pleasant thing, if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge?

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man: and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove not the ancient land-mark which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean *men*.

CHAP. XXIII.

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee.

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties; for they *are* deceitful meat.

4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings, they fly away as an eagle towards heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats.

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee, but his heart *is* not with thee.

8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten, shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

9 Speak not in the ears of a fool; for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove

10 Remove not the old land-mark ; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless.

11 For their redeemer *is* mighty ; he shall plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not correction from the child : for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners : but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 For surely there is an end, and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not amongst wine-bibbers ; amongst riotous eaters of flesh.

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty : and drowsiness shall cloath *a man* with rags.

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother, when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child*, shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For an whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

28 She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 Who hath wo? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixt wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

C H A P. XXIV.

BE not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is an house builded, and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man *is* strong, yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil, shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn

drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain :

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not : doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works ?

13 My son, eat thou hony, because *it is* good ; and the hony-comb, *which is* sweet to thy taste.

14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul : when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off :

15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous : spoil not his resting-place.

16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up *again* ; but the wicked shall fall into Mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth.

18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked.

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*, the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My

21 My son, fear thou the LORD, and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change.

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It* is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him.

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause: and deceive *not* with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding:

31 And

31 And lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone-wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come, as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

C H A P. XXV.

I *Observations about kings, 8 and about avoiding of quarrels, and sundry causes thereof.*

THese are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked from before the
E king,

king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men.

7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither: than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*, and discover not a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth *it*, put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken, *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *As* an ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift, *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

15 By

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found hony? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbours house: lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour, is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble, is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre: so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat: and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.

23 The north-wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a back-biting tongue.

24 It is better to dwell in a corner of the house-top, than with a brawling woman, and in a wide house.

25 *As cold waters to a thirsty soul: so is good news from a far country.*

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked, *is as a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring.*

27 *It is not good to eat much hony: so for men to search their own glory, is not glory.*

28 He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit, *is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.*

C H A P. XXVI.

1 *Observations about fools, 13 about sluggards, 17 and about contentious busy bodies.*

AS snow in summer, and as rain in harvest: so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fools back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool, cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.

7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling: so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

11 As a dog returneth to his vomit; so a fool returneth to his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way, a lion *is* in the streets.

14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

15 The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom, it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit,

ceit, than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death:

19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips, and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth, dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him.

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

27 Whofo diggeth a pit, shall fall therein:
and

and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

C H A P. XXVII.

1 *Observations of self-love, 5 of true love.*
11 *of care to avoid offences, 23 and of the household care.*

BOast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty: but a fools wrath *is* heavier than them both.

4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

7 The full soul loatheth an hony-comb;

but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest: so is a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a mans friend by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend and thy fathers friend forsake not; neither go into thy brothers house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour *that is* near, than a brother far off.

11 My son be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

14 He that blesteth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day, and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her, hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

17 Iron

17 Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree, shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face *answereth* to face: so the heart of man to man.

20 Hell and destruction are never full, so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 As the fining-pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestil, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

24 For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation?

25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth it self, and the herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs *are* for thy cloathing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

27 And thou shalt have goats milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for maintenance for thy maidens.

C H A P. XXVIII.

General observations of impiety and religious integrity.

TH E wicked flee when no man pursueth:
but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land, many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge, the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain, which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law, praise the wicked: but such as keep the law, contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law, *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men*, shameth his father.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

10 Who.

10 Whoſo cauſeth the righteous to go aſtray in an evil way, he ſhall fall himſelf into his own pit: but the upright ſhall have good *things* in poſſeſſion.

11 The rich man *is* wiſe in his own conceit: but the poor that hath underſtanding ſearcheth him out.

12 When righteous *men* do rejoyce, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked riſe, a man is hidden.

13 He that covereth his ſins, ſhall not proſper: but whoſo confeſſeth and forſaketh *them*, ſhall have mercy.

14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart, ſhall fall into miſchief.

15 *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *ſo is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth underſtanding, *is* alſo a great oppreſſor: but he that hateth covetouſneſs, ſhall prolong *his* days.

17 A man that doth violence to the blood of *any* perſon, ſhall flee to the pit, let no man ſtay him.

18 Whoſo walketh uprightly, ſhall be ſaved: but *he that is* perverſe in *his* ways, ſhall fall at at once.

19 He that tilleth his land ſhall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *perſons*, ſhall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man ſhall abound with bleſſings:
but

but he that maketh haste to be rich, shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons *is* not good: for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich, *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man, afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a proud heart, stirreth up strife; but he that putteth his trust in the LORD, shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart, is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the poor, shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes, shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Observations of publick government, 15 and of private. 22 Of anger, pride, thievery, cowardice, and corruption.*

HE that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom, rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots, spendeth *his* substance.

4 The king by judgment stablisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour, spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there* is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know it.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage, or laugh, *there* is no rest.

10 The

10 The blood-thirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lyes, all his servants *are* wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself*, bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest: yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand, he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child, shall have him become *his* son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A

23 A mans pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief, hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, shall be safe.

26 Many seek the rulers favour, but every mans judgment cometh from the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way, is abomination to the wicked.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Agurs confession of his faith.* 7 *The two points of his prayer.* 10 *The meanest are not to be wronged.* 11 *Four wicked generations.* 15 *Four things insatiable.* 17 *Parents are not to be despised.* 18 *Four things hard to be known.* 21 *Four things intolerable.* 24 *Four things exceeding wise.* 29 *Four things stately.* 32 *Wrath is to be prevented.*

THE words of Agur the son of Jaketh, *even* the prophesy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal.

2 Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his sons name, if thou canst tell?

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a lyar.

7 Two *things* have I required of thee, deny me *them* not before I die.

8 Remove far from me vanity and lyes; give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 *There is* a generation *that* are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes and their eye-lids are lifted up.

14 *There*

14 *There is* a generation whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The horse-leach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea four things* say not, *It is enough* :

16 The grave, and the barren womb, the earth *that* is not filled with water, and the fire *that* saith not, *It is enough*.

17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, *yea, four* which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

22 For a servant when he reigneth, and a fool when he is filled with meat,

23 For an odious woman when she is married, and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four *things which* are little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:

25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any,

31 A gray hound; an he-goat also, and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAP. XXXI.

- 1 *Lemuels lesson of chastity and temperance.* 6
The afflicted are to be comforted and defended.
 10 *The praise and properties of a good wife.*

THE words of king Lemuel, the prophesy
 that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my
 womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy
 ways to that which destroyeth kings.

4 *It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for*
kings to drink wine, nor for princes strong
drink:

5 Lest they drink and forget the law, and per-
 vert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to
 perish, and wine to those that be of heavy
 hearts.

7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, and
 remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause
 of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously and plead
 the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman? for
 her price *is* far aboye rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wooll, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loyns with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are cloathed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her cloathing is silk and purple.

23 Her

23 Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sitteth among the elders of the
land.

24 She maketh fine linnen, and selleth
it, and delivereth girdles unto the mer-
chant.

25 Strength and honour *are* her cloathing,
and she shall rejoyce in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom,
and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her
houshold, and eateth not the bread of idle-
ness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her
blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth
her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty *is* vain:
but a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall
be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her own works praise her in the
gates.

F I N I S.

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